

**In the Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Re-presented) A method of making an optical component having a molded body of a transparent moldable material comprising:
  - introducing a closure member into a coupling portion of a mold the coupling portion having an opening, said opening having a circumferential edge for receiving a corresponding sealing area of the closure member;
  - filling the moldable material into the mold;
  - introducing a carrier of an optical transducer through a mold opening;
  - aligning the carrier in relation to the mold;
  - curing the moldable material; and,
  - removing the closure member.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the moldable material is a resin.
4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the resin cures at approximately 160° C.
5. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising polishing the sealing area of the closure member.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the sealing area is brought into engagement with the circumferential edge of the opening to form a window surface.
7. (Cancelled)
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12. (Cancelled)
13. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the closure member is a plug having a polished surface in the region of the opening.
14. (Previously Added) The method of claim 13 wherein the closure member is adapted to be releasably engaged with a latch in the coupling portion.
15. (Previously Added) The method of claim 14 wherein the closure member is provided with a releasing member for release from said latch.
16. (Previously Added) The method of claim 15 wherein the closure member has a centering means ensuring aligned, centered positioning of the closure member in relation to the opening.
17. (Cancelled)
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